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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with Applicant's duty of disclosure, Applicant is submitted the following references which have been cited in a foreign patent application.

U.S. Patent 5,560,353 describes a nebulizer for supplying discreet puffs of gas containing particles of an active product. The sequence of puffs is programmed and controlled according to a puff sequence program. The claims of the present application have been amended to specifically set forth a respirator. A respirator performs respiration (inhalation and exhalation) for the user. The nebulizer of this new reference does not provide any respiration.

The claims of the present application have also been amended to set forth that data is encoded and decoded on a storage medium. Applicant finds no teaching nor suggestion of data being encoded and decoded in '353. Therefore the claims of the present invention further define over the reference.

Favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	<u>U.S. 5,560,353</u>	<u>Oct. 1, 1996</u>	<u>WILLEMOT et al.</u>			<u>Nov. 29,</u> <u>1994</u>

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